

ATTENTION!

Remodeler/Renovator/Contractor/Landlord Does the New Federal Lead-Based Paint Regulation Apply to You?

Yes, if:

- ☒ Your work involves **pre-1978** houses or apartments
- ☒ You receive any form of **compensation** for your work
- ☒ You disturb more than **2 square feet** of painted surfaces
- ☒ Your work is not specifically excluded from this law

Federal law requires distribution of
this lead hazard information pamphlet
BEFORE starting a renovation →



Applicable to:

- Carpenters
- Renovators & Remodelers
- Electricians & Plumbers
- Painters
- Home Improvement Contractors
- Landlords/Property Managers
- Apartment Maintenance Staff
- Anyone whose work disturbs paint

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Los Angeles County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

1-800-LA-4-LEAD

www.lapublichealth.org/lead

The Lead Pre-Renovation Education (PRE) Rule



In general, the Lead PRE Rule applies to:
Renovations performed in pre-1978 housing which are performed for compensation

“Renovation” means any modification of all or part of any existing structure in the housing that disturbs painted surfaces. “Renovation” includes:

- Removal/modification of painted surfaces, components, or structures
- Surface preparation activities (sanding/scraping/ other activities that may create paint dust)
- Window replacement.

“Compensation” is the receipt of anything of value (not only money), and may include:

- Exchanges of money, goods, or services
- Payment of rent to landlords/property managers.

Renovation Examples:

- Demolition of painted walls or ceilings
- Large surface replastering
- II Major plumbing repairs or improvements
- II Any other activities which disturb more than 2 square feet of painted surfaces

Are there exemptions from these requirements? YES...



- Lead abatement activities performed by certified lead abatement contractors
- Emergency renovations
- Renovation of certified lead-based paint free components
- Minor repair/maintenance activities which disturb less than 2 square feet of painted surfaces
- Renovations in dormitories/studio apartments/housing for the elderly or disabled

What am I required to do? Specific requirements depend on the following criteria:

In owner-occupied housing you must:

- Provide an EPA-approved lead information pamphlet to owner and get written acknowledgment or receipt from owner, OR
- Mail the pamphlet to owner 7 days prior to renovation and document with certificate of mailing.

In tenant-occupied housing you must:

- Provide an EPA-approved pamphlet to both building owner and an adult occupant by one of above methods.
- If attempted delivery to adult occupant fails, you may comply by leaving the pamphlet at unit and preparing certification describing delivery attempts for your files.

For renovations in “common areas” in multi-family housing (more than 4 units), you must:

- Provide an EPA-approved pamphlet by one of the methods listed under owner-occupied housing above.
- Provide notice to each tenant in the building describing:
 - Nature/location/timing of renovation.
 - Availability of the EPA-approved pamphlet (free upon request).
- Retain written documentation describing notification procedures for 3 years.



Low income children can get free medical check-ups including a blood lead test.
Call 1-888-747-1222 to apply for Medi-Cal or call CHDP at 1-800-993-2437 for check-ups.

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REPAINTING OR REMODELING OLD HOUSES?



Lead-safe Work Practices

DANGER: Houses and apartment buildings built before 1978 may contain lead-based paint. Sanding, scraping, or otherwise disturbing lead paint can release large amounts of toxic lead dust. This dust, which may not be visible, can settle on floors and other surfaces where it gets on children's hands and into their mouths.

1. Be careful when repainting. Even if the top layer of paint is lead-free, older layers of lead paint may remain underneath. When working with lead based paint, use a respirator certified by NIOSH that will filter out lead dust particles, such as one equipped with a HEPA filter. A respirator is a device worn to cover the mouth and nose.
2. Keep children and pregnant women away from the work area. Protect yourself and other workers by doing the following:



- Protect your eyes – always wear safety goggles or safety glasses
- Keep clothes clean or use disposable suit and shoe covers
- Wear respiratory protection – Wear a respirator equipped with a HEPA filter. A traditional dust mask will not prevent lead particles from getting into your lungs
- Avoid eating, drinking or smoking in the work area
- Wash hands and face each time you stop working

Seal off the workspace by covering entryways with thick plastic sheeting (ask for 6-millimeter polyethylene sheeting at the hardware store). Remove personal belongings from the area before starting work. Move furniture either out to the area or the center of the room and cover with thick plastic sheeting.

3. Working Inside: Cover horizontal surfaces such as floors, carpeting, counter tops and built-in shelves with thick plastic sheeting before starting work. Turn off forced-air heating and air conditioning systems. Cover heating and air conditioning vents with plastic sheeting.
Working Outside: Cover the ground and any flowers or plants with thick plastic sheeting to capture dust, paint chips and debris. Use bricks or rocks to hold the sheeting in place. Cover sandboxes with thick plastic sheeting as well. Avoid working in windy conditions, to keep the dust from blowing into other areas.
4. If you see paint flaking, mist with a spray bottle to keep down the dust and gently scrape off the loose paint onto plastic. This will keep the paint from chipping and falling to the floor, where children may be exposed.
5. As the work progresses, control lead dust by vacuuming thoroughly and frequently. Use a vacuum with a HEPA filter. For large jobs, rent power tools that have HEPA vacuum attachments.
6. Avoid tracking lead dust out of the work area. Remove and wash work clothing separately and consider wearing disposable booties.
7. When disposing of old windows and doors, break them up to prevent people from recycling them, and wrap the parts in the same plastic sheeting used to cover the floors and furniture. For single family dwellings, these components can be placed in regular dumpsters.
8. After you finish a job that involves lead paint, wet wash the floors, walls, windowsills and other surfaces with soap and water.
9. Conduct a lead dust test at the end of the job. Contact an environmental lab for a sampling kit or hire an independent certified professional.
10. The California Department of Health Services recommends that property owners hire state-certified lead professionals (i.e., contractors, workers and inspectors).



FOR MORE DETAILS, CALL 1-800-LA-4-LEAD (1-800-524-5323)

Call the following Agencies for More Information

LAC/DHS Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Information on regulations and lead-safe work practices

www.lapublichealth.org/lead

1-800-524-5323

Air Quality Management Board

To report the spread of lead dust due to construction

www.aqmd.gov

1-800-288-7664

Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP)

CHDP provides no cost health examinations, including a blood lead test, for children under the age of 21.

www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms/chdp

1-800-993-2437

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Home repairs and renovations

www.epa.gov

1-800-424-5323

For information on lead in drinking water

www.epa.gov/OGWDW

1-800-426-4791

Hazardous Materials (HAZ-MAT)

Los Angeles County Fire Department

www.lacofd.org

323-890-4045 (8 am - 5pm)

213-881-245 (After hours)

Hazardous Waste Roundups

Disposal of hazardous materials (i.e. paint, oil, batteries, etc.)

www.ladpw.org/epd

1-888-253-2652

www.ladpw.org

1-800-988-6942

Healthy Families

California's low-cost health insurance for children ages 1-19

www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov

1-800-880-5305

Lead-Related Construction Information Line

List of lead-certified construction workers

www.dhs.ca.gov/childlead

1-800-597-5323

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Water quality help line

www.ladwp.com

1-213-367-3182

Medi-Cal

Medical care program that provides no-cost or low-cost care for qualifying families

www.deci-cal.ca.gov

1-888-747-1222

National Lead Information Center

Information on protecting children from lead, home repairs and renovations

www.epa.gov/lead

1-800-424-5323

Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Lead concerns in the workplace

www.dhs.cahwnet.gov/ohb/olppp

1-510-620-5740

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